

REMARKS

In the above-identified office action the examiner has required amendment of the specification to insert headings of the several sections. In addition, references to the claims in the specification are required to be deleted. By the above amendments these actions have been taken, and accordingly the specification is now considered acceptable.

Claims 1-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as not being enabled. The examiner has stated that claim 1 has been rejected because the limitations “location-determining measuring element” and “angle-determining measuring element” are not defined in the specification, thus making the claim vague and indefinite. Claims 2-22 have been rejected because they depend from claim 1 and share this defect. Applicant has amended claim 1 and subsequent claims to recite a measuring means for determining distance and a measuring means for determining angles. The support disclosure of these measuring means may be found on page 11 of the specification where FIG. 2 is described in detail. From this disclosure it is clear that the measuring means is not a single element but rather an agglomeration of elements and thus finds its support in the specification as such.

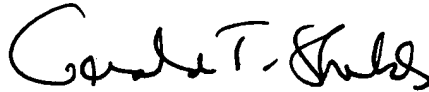
Claim 20 has apparently been rejected (though not specifically) under 35 U.S.C. §112 as having insufficient antecedent basis. Applicant has amended claim 1 so that it now recites that the optical measuring system of claim 1 is for use in assembling an objective, thereby providing support for the objective in claim 20. In addition claim 20 has been amended to recite and make it clear that it is the optical measuring system of claim 1 which is claimed wherein the assembled objective is used for producing semi-conductor chips, thus further limiting claim 1.

The drawings have been objected to because the examiner has stated that the location-determining measuring element and the angle determining measuring element are not shown. With the amendments to the claims so that claim 1 now reads “a measuring means for determining distance” and “a measuring means for determining angles” it is clear that such is not a single element but rather a means for measuring which is shown schematically in FIG. 2 as well as in the remaining figures. As such no corrected drawings are deemed necessary.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and reexamination thereof.

With the above amendments and remarks, this application is considered ready for allowance and Applicant earnestly solicits an early notice of same. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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